

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph found at page 5, lines 6-23, with the following amended paragraph.

The strands thus obtained are cut by means of rotating knives according to practice into small discs with a thickness of 0.3 to 3 mm so that, to the extent possible, their diameter is significantly greater than their thickness. Thereby it is ensured that each small disc comes to rest on a flat side. The small discs are then split up by means of a vibration trough such that, like cookies on a baking sheet, they can be guided separately to a roller mill. The distance between the small discs is set such that their edges do not touch even when the small discs pass through the press rollers. When the small discs have passed through the rollers, the diameter of the flakes obtained amounts to approximately 5 to 50 mm, preferably 3 to 10 mm, and the thickness lies in the range of 0.03 to 0.3 mm, and for aquarium fish preferably in the range of 0.07 to 0.15 mm. The wafer diameter is determined by the diameter of the outlet opening of the mixing nozzle; the diameter can increase through expansion after leaving the nozzle. The final size must therefore be determined and adjusted according to the material through a test batch. Through the press process of the roller mill one obtains thin feed flakes, the shape of which largely corresponds to the cross section of the strands, the cross section being, of course, considerably ~~reduced~~ increased during the rolling out and the thickness, in the end, amounting to only a fraction of the thickness of the small wafers. Thus, from a strand with a circular cross section one also obtains approximately circular feed flakes. With appropriately shaped outlet openings, the cross section of the unified strands and thus the shape of the feed flakes can be varied almost at will.